AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) [[The]] A drive controller of claim 1 for a drive of an electric machine, comprising

a first functional block having at least one permanently installed controller function for storing at least one basic real-time function for controlling the drive; and

a second functional block having at least one dynamically loadable controller function for storing at least one additional real-time function for controlling the drive,

wherein the second functional block can be dynamically loaded or dynamically overwritten with the at least one additional real-time function during operation of the controller, and

wherein during the operation or during processing of the at least one basic real-time function, the at least one additional real-time function is dynamically loaded or dynamically overwritten or started or executed in the second functional block without interrupting the at least one basic real-time function.

- (Currently amended) The controller of claim [[1]] 2, and further comprising a
 bus link, wherein the at least one additional real-time function is loaded via
 the bus link from a management automation system.
- 4. (Currently amended) The controller of claim [[1]] 2, wherein the at least one additional real-time function is loaded via an Internet connection.
- 5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) [[The]] A drive controller of claim 5 for a drive of an electric machine, comprising

a first functional block having at least one permanently installed controller function for storing at least one basic real-time function for controlling the drive;

a second functional block having at least one dynamically loadable controller function for storing at least one additional real-time function for controlling the drive; and

a device for runtime monitoring,

wherein the second functional block can be dynamically loaded or dynamically overwritten with the at least one additional real-time function during operation of the controller, and

wherein the runtime monitoring device determines a computing time required by the at least one additional real-time function, and wherein the at least one additional real-time function is terminated if the required computing time exceeds a predefined reference time.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) [[The]] A drive controller of claim 7 for a drive of an electric machine, comprising

a first functional block having at least one permanently installed controller function for storing at least one basic real-time function for controlling the drive;

a second functional block having at least one dynamically loadable controller function for storing at least one additional real-time function for controlling the drive; and

a device for monitoring memory location access.

wherein the second functional block can be dynamically loaded or dynamically overwritten with the at least one additional real-time function during operation of the controller, and

wherein the device for monitoring memory location access monitors memory addresses accessed by the at least one additional real-time function, and wherein the at least one additional real-time function is terminated if these memory addresses do not correspond to predefined reference memory addresses that are reserved for the at least one additional real-time function.

9. (Currently amended) The controller of claim [[7]] 8, wherein the device for monitoring memory location access administers a memory region with access rights for both the at least one basic real-time functions and the at least one additional real-time function, and wherein copies of variables of the at least one basic real-time function are stored at this memory region.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) [[The]] A method of claim 10 for operating a drive controller for an electric machine, comprising the steps of:

executing on the drive controller at least one permanently installed controller function for storing a basic real-time function for controlling the electric machine, and

dynamically loading or dynamically overwriting at least one additional real-time function during operation of the controller and during execution of the permanently installed controller function,

wherein for controlling the drive of the electric machine, several basic real-time functions of the controller are executed, and wherein during the operation or execution of the basic real-time functions the at least one additional real-time function is dynamically loaded or dynamically overwritten or started or processed without interrupting the <u>basic</u> real-time [[basic]] functions.

12. (Currently amended) [[The]] A method of claim 10 for operating a drive controller for an electric machine, comprising the steps of:

executing on the drive controller at least one permanently installed controller function for storing a basic real-time function for controlling the electric machine, and

dynamically loading or dynamically overwriting at least one additional real-time function during operation of the controller and during execution of the permanently installed controller function,

wherein a computing time required by the at least one additional realtime function is determined, and wherein the at least one additional real-time function is terminated if the required computing time exceeds a predefined reference time.

13. (Currently amended) [[The]] A method of claim 10 for operating a drive controller for an electric machine, comprising the steps of:

executing on the drive controller at least one permanently installed controller function for storing a basic real-time function for controlling the electric machine, and

dynamically loading or dynamically overwriting at least one additional real-time function during operation of the controller and during execution of the permanently installed controller function,

wherein [[the]] memory addresses accessed by the at least one additional real-time function are monitored and wherein the at least one additional real-time function is terminated if these memory addresses do not correspond to predefined reference memory addresses reserved for the at least one additional real-time function.

14. (New) The controller of claim 6, and further comprising a bus link, wherein the at least one additional real-time function is loaded via the bus link from a management automation system.

- 15. (New) The controller of claim 6, wherein the at least one additional real-time function is loaded via an Internet connection.
- 16. (New) The controller of claim 8, and further comprising a bus link, wherein the at least one additional real-time function is loaded via the bus link from a management automation system.
- 17. (New) The controller of claim 8, wherein the at least one additional real-time function is loaded via an Internet connection.
- 18. (New) The controller of claim 11, and further comprising a bus link, wherein the at least one additional real-time function is loaded via the bus link from a management automation system.
- 19. (New) The controller of claim 11, wherein the at least one additional real-time function is loaded via an Internet connection.
- 20. (New) The controller of claim 12, and further comprising a bus link, wherein the at least one additional real-time function is loaded via the bus link from a management automation system.
- 21. (New) The controller of claim 12, wherein the at least one additional real-time function is loaded via an Internet connection.
- 22. (New) The controller of claim 13, and further comprising a bus link, wherein the at least one additional real-time function is loaded via the bus link from a management automation system.
- 23. (New) The controller of claim 13, wherein the at least one additional real-time function is loaded via an Internet connection.